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Cc: "brian@ristuccia.com" <brian@ristuccia.com>
Date: 06/02/2020 04:24 PM
Subject: Fwd: Shared / Slow Streets, Mass Ave & Appleton Street [Was: Re: Sidewalk Space for Social Distancing / Suspending Mandatory Sidewalk Use]

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Fran,

Please place this on our next agenda under "Correspondence Received" and forward to Howard Muise TAC as an FYI?? Thx!!

When Arlington faces adversity, we come together and find a way through it. Let's take care of each other. Remember please: Social Distancing, Hand Washing, and Face Masks !!

Diane

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Ristuccia <brian@ristuccia.com>

To: dianemahon@verizon.net

Sent: Mon, Jun 1, 2020 4:20 pm

Subject: Shared / Slow Streets, Mass Ave & Appleton Street [Was: Re: Sidewalk Space for Social Distancing / Suspending Mandatory Sidewalk Use]

Diane,

Thank you for voting to move forward with the Shared Streets / Slow Streets pilot at the 5/18 meeting. Given the results of the pilot, I encourage the board to broadly empower the manager and transportation planner to resume and expand the Shared Streets / Slow Streets program and related measures like lane conversions and temporary sidewalk expansions.

Also, I'm sure you've received or are soon to receive correspondence from the various advisory committees (TAC, ABAC) and advocacy groups like EALS regarding the fatal crash at Mass & Appleton. This area has long been a sore spot on my commute, and over the years I have witnessed

several close calls and the aftermath of more than one crash. It is a danger to our most vulnerable travelers and a barrier to kids getting to school safely. I urge the select board to support the installation of quick-build interim remediations in this area of Mass Ave while the town works on design and funding for a more permanent solution.

From: "Diane Mahon" <DMahon@town.arlington.ma.us>
To: "Fran Reidy" <FReidy@town.arlington.ma.us>
Cc: guiney@fas.harvard.edu
Date: 06/02/2020 03:50 PM
Subject: Fwd: Request for improvements in bicycle safety in Arlington

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From: "Guiney, Kevin" <guiney@fas.harvard.edu>
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Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2020 15:12:04 +0000
Subject: Request for improvements in bicycle safety in Arlington

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Dear Select Board of Arlington-

In light of the recent death of bicyclist Charlie Proctor in Arlington, I ask that you work with other town officials to make improvements in bicycle safety in our town. As someone who commutes everyday by bike in normal times as well as rides recreationally around town with my family, I see firsthand the dangers that exist for the large number of cyclists that use our town roads and paths. I have also seen the great benefits of initiatives that have taken place East Arlington and in Cambridge. I am also hopeful about the progress made at Lake St and the bike path. Even when riding in my car I am mindful and appreciative of the dedicate bike lines that keep everyone safe and minimize tragedies. I ask that you implement this two part plan summarized by East Arlington Livable Streets.

- **SHORT TERM** - with new roadway striping, modest restrictions on parking, and signs, the bike lane that currently ends at the Dunkin Donuts just west of Appleton should be extended to at least Burton St or, ideally, to connect to the existing bike lanes east of Brattle Square. Inexpensive flex posts could also be installed on the double yellow line to force left-turning motorist to use a tighter radius and more slowly.
- **LONG TERM** - building off of [the 2012 CTPS report](#), a new traffic study and design plan must begin very soon. With appropriate public involvement, this could be a year-long process. Finding funding, final bid documents and construction could easily take a couple more years as well. Based on that, it is imperative that the Town initiate the short term plan this summer.

Thanks for your time and consideration-

Kevin Guiney

19 Eliot Rd
Arlington

From: "Diane Mahon" <DMahon@town.arlington.ma.us>
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Cc: thouis@gmail.com
Date: 06/02/2020 03:51 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please fix intersection of Mass. Ave. and Appleton Street

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Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2020 12:22:34 -0400
Subject: Please fix intersection of Mass. Ave. and Appleton Street

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To the Select Board,

I'm writing to urge you to take immediate (as well as long-term) action to improve safety at and around the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Appleton Street. This intersection is unsafe for almost all users, but particularly pedestrians and cyclists, with the death of Charlie Proctor being only the most recent evidence.

This intersection is heavily used by a large number of young students going to Ottoson, and I fear that it's only a matter of time until another death or serious injury occurs there.

I urge the Board to take immediate action to improve this intersection. I also urge you to expedite longer term improvements, such as those suggested in the 2012 CTPS recommendations, e.g., realigning the geometry of the intersection to shorten crossings and improve sight lines. In addition, a left-on-green only signal would help a repeat of the crash that killed Charlie Proctor.

Thank you,
Thouis Jones
51A Wyman Terrace, Arlington

From: "Diane Mahon" <DMahon@town.arlington.ma.us>
To: "Fran Reidy" <FReidy@town.arlington.ma.us>
Cc: JBONESCHANSKER@mgh.harvard.edu
Date: 06/02/2020 03:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Pedestrian and bicyclist safety on Mass Ave

Fran,

Could you place on our next agenda under "Correspondence Received" and forward to Howard Muise TAC as an FYI??
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Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2020 16:35:46 +0000
Subject: Pedestrian and bicyclist safety on Mass Ave

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Dear members of the Select Board,

I am writing to you about the safety for pedestrians and bicyclists on Mass Ave. I hope that safety improvements, particularly at the intersection with Appleton street will be a priority for the board. Short term improvements include new roadway striping, but I hope you will do everything to get a long term solution to dramatically improve the safety at this dangerous intersection.

Sincerely,

Leo Boneschansker
88 Summer street

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Cc: jockhoffman@rcn.com
Date: 06/02/2020 03:53 PM
Subject: Fwd: Please fix Appleton/Mass Ave safety issue

Fran,

Could you place on our next agenda under "Correspondence Received" and forward to Howard Muise TAC as an FYI??
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From: Jock Hoffman <jockhoffman@rcn.com>
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In the before COVID-19 times, I commuted through this intersection four days a week for 25+ years. On the mornings when school was in session, it was relatively safe, because most drivers are either aware or hindered by traffic and pedestrians, but that's only relative to the extremely dangerous conditions at all other times. I encourage you to implement impediments to westbound, left-turning vehicles, and those who drift down from the Appleton St. stop sign.

Thank you
Jock Hoffman
Arlington

From: "Diane Mahon" <DMahon@town.arlington.ma.us>
To: "Fran Reidy" <FReidy@town.arlington.ma.us>
Cc: dharrington@nklabs.com
Date: 06/02/2020 04:19 PM
Subject: Fwd: Bike Safety.

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From: D Harrington <dharrington@nklabs.com>
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Subject: Bike Safety.

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Hello,

I'm a long time bike commuter and have commuted by bicycle to work since 2004 in Providence RI, Cambridge MA, San Francisco CA, and Arlington MA. I have also bike trekked around the Greater Boston Area including one bike trip years ago from Boston to Montreal over the course of a week. I have experience biking in many conditions in many cities.

When I'm not under lockdown and it is not icy out, I ride my bicycle to work everyday, often with my kids in tow. I obey the law. I stop at traffic lights. I stop at stop signs. I give pedestrians the right of way. I try to ride predictably. I like to ride fast but limit my speed on the bike path, in traffic and while passing parked cars. I'm teaching my kids proper bike safety and to wear helmets. It is also my major source of exercise which should hopefully improve my general health.

I'm an active voting resident of Arlington and bought a home with my family last year.

Please improve road safety at the intersection of Mass Ave and Appleton St where Charles Proctor was killed.

Over the years I've seen more and more bikes on the street. It is a great form of commuting. But it is obvious the roads were not designed for bikes or pedestrians. That can change.

Please work with the town to help fix this issue:

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Thank you,
-demetri